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BISHOP OF THE MONTH

By Della Greathouse



Grant B. Shaw, bishop of Martinez Ward, was set apart in April, 1960. The son of Austin and Eva Brown Shaw, he was born April 12, 1918, in Ogden, Utah. He grew up and was graduated from Ogden High School.

His father served as a bishop for 13 years of Grant's youth, thereby giving him a fine L.D.S. background. He completed his first year of college at Brigham Young University then transferred to Weber College.

It was there he met a home town girl, Jessie Price, whom he married in the Salt Lake Temple on August 20, 1941. Following his graduation from the University of Utah, they moved to Martinez where he was employed by Shell Chemical Co.

To Grant and Jessie were born Grant II, Karen, Nora Lynn and Susan. While this family was still very young, Jessie was taken from this life. The family later was blessed with another wife and mother when on September 28, 1959, Grant married Elva Brown in the Logan Temple. Three more children have come to this home, Paul, Coleen and Marian.

After 18 years as a chemical engineer, Bishop Shaw took classes in real estate, then changed his career, and for the last several years has been working as a salesman with the Mason McDuffie Company in Walnut Creek.

Bishop Shaw has a great love for the Gospel and is devoted in the service he renders. He looks forward, along with other members of the Martinez Ward, to completion of the new chapel, a special assignment given him when he was set apart as a bishop. When kiddingly chided by his Utah relatives about the location of Zion, he stands firm in his feeling for the Martinez area and plans to stay here for a long, long time.

Fremont Conference

FREMONT Conference Elder LeGrand Richards, member of the Council of Twelve, spoke at the Fremont Stake Conference March 1 and 2, in Oakland.

Elder Richards was for 11 years Presiding Bishop of the Church, before his present appointment. He has served twice as a missionary, and mission president. His father and grandfather also served as members of the Council of Twelve.

Priesthood Awards To Six Young Men
President Smith Challenges Stake

Six young men from the Oakland Fourth ward received Aaronic Priesthood certificates of achievement at a recent Sacrament Service. The young men are: Kent Hawkins, president of the Deacons' quorum; Steven Peterson, president of the Teachers; David Hawkins, Fred Royce, Steve Swann, and Gerald Bybee, Priests' secretary.

Seminary students were featured at Sacrament Service February 23. Theme of the evening was exaltation. Students and topics: Curtis Price, Spirit of Knowledge and Understanding; Cindy Mosely, Faith; Kathy Drummond, Repentance; Frances Roe, Testimony; David Hawkins, Work; Gerald Bybee, Missionary Work; Janae Wright, Temple Marriage; and Ruth Smith the Holy Ghost. Deboarah Carlson and Debbie Holmes read poems; Steve Peterson gave the benediction; Instructor Larry Lloyd gave an introduction. Music was by a trio composed of Jane Wright, Frances Roe and Cheryl Parker. Sister Parker, from El Cerrito ward, substituted for Sheila Spencer who was ill.

Spanish Branch Sacrament Services, at 6:30 p.m. under the direction of President James Richardson, offer an opportunity to hear the gospel in Spanish. Spanish language sessions include: Priesthood meeting at 9 a.m., Sunday School at 10:30 a.m. and Relief Society at 5 p.m.

Sister Karen Richardson has rejoined the "Up With People" cast. She included in her tour with the cast, last year, South America, and appeared on last fall's TV special.

New stake missionaries are John Sears and Mel Barber. Mel completed a mission in Argentina. John has served three stake missions and served a mission with the Northern California mission.

Statistics in the Oakland-Berkeley Stake do not reflect the outstanding qualities of Saints in this area, said President Elmo R. Smith at quarterly stake conference February 2.

In his report of the health of the stake, he said that Sacrament Service attendance is 32% and "this isn't good enough for the people of this stake."

Home Teaching varies between 60 to 75% and Family Home Evenings about 19 to 24%.

President Smith challenged members of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake to boost Sacrament Service attendance over 40% and Home Teaching 85% and recommended that we hold family home evenings in more than 50% of our homes.

"You are the people who will get the benefits of this program," he said.

Speaking of the missionary program, he said there are more than half a million non-members in the boundaries of our stake. He urged members to invite non-members into the home and help them meet the missionaries.

He praised the Temple work and reported that more than 10,000 endowments had been performed.

Spring BYU Schedule

Spring semester schedule at Brigham Young University has been altered to allow for Commencement exercises on May 29 instead of June 4, it was announced today by President Ernest L. Wilkinson.

The changes were arranged with the cooperation of student body officers, the Deans' council, and the Year-Around Scheduling Committee.

President Wilkinson said the revision will eliminate the necessity of extending tests over the long Memorial Day weekend.

Aids Retarded Children



DENNIS L. LAUPER, a partner in Lauper's Furniture store of San Leandro, has been elected president of the East Bay Association for Retarded Children. Brother Lauper served as bishop of Dimond Ward, predecessor of Oakland 3d Ward. He is a high counselor in the Oakland-Berkeley Stake.

As president of "E.B.A.R.C." Brother Lauper will preside over a board of directors composed of both "professionals" and volunteers and includes parents of the retarded. The organization serves retardates living in Oakland, Berkeley, San Leandro and San Lorenzo, without regard to race, color or religion.

E.B.A.R.C. operates a sheltered work shop at 2141 Bancroft Ave., San Leandro, where 70 boys and girls, men and women of various ages do piece work for local industries and receive pay according to their abilities.

The association is supported by private gifts, donations from several organizations, and is an official agency of the United Bay Area Crusade. It is preparing to unite with three other associations for retarded children, located in Hayward, Fremont and Livermore. The new group will then serve the entire county and will be known as the Alameda County Association for the Mentally Retarded.

San Leandro Meet

Elder Bernard P. Brockbank, Assistant to the Council of Twelve, spoke at the San Leandro Stake Conference February 22 and 23.

Elder Brockbank has served as president of three missions in the British Isles and is now supervisor of the South American Missions. He was the managing director of the Mormon Pavilions at the New York World's Fair and Hemisfair '68, in San Antonio.

Women's, Girls' Cage Winners



OAKLAND-WALNUT CREEK region basketball players have had a successful tournament and winners have been announced. In the Junior Division FREMONT STAKE is winner for the third time. The Seniors' winner is CONCORD STAKE. A sport award is given in this tournament. These winners are HAYWARD STAKE for the Juniors and the FREMONT STAKE for the Seniors.

Pictured in front row, from right to left: Carol Jensen, Sherry Petersen, and Randy Funk. Back row, from right to left: Carol Dunk, Jan Hughes, Mitze Commandant, Kirsten Petersen, and sports director Glenda Brady.

The tournament was a round robin which gave every team a chance to play every other team in its division. Usually there aren't enough teams in a stake to afford keen competition for the stake winner so the round robin play afforded competition for those participating.

The teams showed this advantage by improving in successive games: The games got better and better and there were some really close scores in many of the games. The sportmanship was good. Schedules had to be changed because of the Hon Kong flu, among the players.

There were seven junior teams competing. Hayward, Oakland-Berkeley (two teams), Fremont, San Leandro, Concord, and Walnut Creek. Twenty-five games were played.

In the way of our "many activities" MIA, the girls are now deep in volley ball and dance rehearsals.

Play was directed by Marlene Peck, sports supervisor for the two regions.

Church Members Near 3 Million

A near record year of progress during 1968 puts the Church within reach of three million members and 500 stakes.

Unofficially, Church membership at the close of 1968 was approximately 2,770,000, an increase of 156,000 over 1967. An estimated 76,000 converts are included in that total.

With 25 new stakes added in 1968, the total reached 473. Two more were formed in January and February of this year. Among the 25 new stakes last year, four were in foreign countries.

The Church also created new missions to bring the total to 83. A total of 266 chapels and church buildings were dedicated.

New Bishopric At Fremont 3d



New bishopric of Fremont 3d Ward, announced recently by the First Presidency, includes (l. to r.) MARK HARRIS, Bishop HAROLD CLAYSON, and JAMES GLENN. They were appointed and sustained after former Bishop Harry Hollingshaus, a GE engineer, moved to Chicago.

Bishop Clayson is principal of the Chadbourne School in Fremont Unified School District where he is serving his 12th year.

Six of those years were spent as principal of the Mattos school. He is married to the former Gladys Martineau. They have six children.

Brother Harris is chairman of the science department at Newark High School. His wife and mother of their five children is Luree Condie. Brother Glenn is an attorney in Fremont, married to Rexine Ferrel. They also have five children.

Lorenzo Snow's Life Story Told By Local Woman



Nearly as interesting as its subject is the story behind "A Child's Story of the Prophet LORENZO SNOW" by Deta Petersen and Glen Neeley and Melba J. Friday, just published by the Deseret Book press of Salt Lake City. To quote the message on the book's jacket:

"Dr. Deta P. Neeley, with the patient, capable help of her husband, Nathan Glen Neeley, wrote 11 books, eight of them for children. Early in her married life she became the victim of a serious illness which gradually rendered her body useless.

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devoted husband and he would write it down.

"This is the way most of this volume was written. However, before it was completed Deta Neeley was released from the physical suffering she long endured. Then less than two years later Glen Neeley also passed away and the volume was completed by a niece, Melba Jensen Friday."

Sister Friday and her husband, Dr. Sidney McCann Friday, who practices medicine on "Pill Hill," Oakland, are active members of Oakland Ward and formerly of Oakland 5th Ward. They have five children, Gwen Friday Fox of San Jose; Chris Friday, a junior at the University of California, Berkeley; Chloe, a senior at Piedmont High School; Sara, an eighth-grader; and Sidney, in the sixth grade.

She is a past president of Havens School in Piedmont and of the Alameda-Contra Costa Counties Medical Auxiliary. Dr. Friday was in the Sunday School Superintendencies, Oakland 5th Ward and later Oakland Ward for many years.

Oh, yes, the book! President Lorenzo Snow perhaps "needs no introduction." He was closely associated with the Prophet Joseph Smith and with the Prophet's successors until he, at the age of 84, succeeded to the office himself. As its name and the biographical sketch of the authors suggests, it is written for children. However, at least one mature, not to say superannuated adult found it fascinating. At \$2.25, it is an excellent gift from you to the young people in your family. Maybe they'll even let you read it.

6th 'Know Your Religion' Talk

"The Power of Personal Revelation" is the subject of Robert E. Parsons' lecture at 8 p.m. Friday, March 28, at East Bay Interstake Center, 4780 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, and Saturday, March 29, at San Jose Stake Center, 1336 Cherry Ave., San Jose.

Brother Parsons is an assistant professor at Brigham Young University at B.Y.U. and has also attended Colorado College, University of Pacific, University of California, and Arizona State University.

After serving as principal for Dragerton and Lehi Seminaries Brother Parsons was director of L.D.S. Institute at Phoenix College, Weber College, and Idaho State College. He has served in many positions in the Church and filled a mission in New Zealand.

Born in Salt Lake City, and raised in Ogden, Utah, he is married.

Double Bill On Temple Hill April Program

Two artists will be featured at the April First-Sunday-of-Each-Month concert at the Interstake Center, Temple Hill (4780 Lincoln Avenue), Oakland, Alfred Ashburn, organist, and Lenoir Hosack, mezzo-soprano, will perform at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 6 (Easter Sunday).

Mr. Ashburn, who has studied with Alexander Matthews, Ernest White and Norman Coke-Jephcott, has appeared in recital in major eastern cities and in Rouen and Paris, France. For a number of years organist at Fifth Church of Christ, Scientist, San Francisco, he has been (and is now) on the staff of the Music and Arts Institute of San Francisco.

Miss Hosack's early training was in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she appears frequently in concert and oratorio performances. She also performed in other eastern cities, with the University of California Opera Workshop group, and at the Carmel Bach Festival. She was a student of the legendary opera star, Lotte Lehmann, at the Music Academy of the West.

This concert is free to the public. The program is:

ORGAN: Chorale-preludes; Easter Hymn "O Filii et Filiae"—Healy Willan.

Christ Lag in Todesbanden—J. S. Bach.

Allein Gott in der Hoh sei ehr—Josef Doppelbauer.

Drop, Drop Slow Tears—Vincent Persichetti.

ORGAN AND VOICE: Speculum Vitae—Flor Peetefs.

ORGAN: Suite No. 7 "Epiphania Domini" (from "L'Orgue Mystique") — Charles Tournemire.

Next Concert: Sunday, May 4, 1969, 4 p.m.: GORDON KEDDINGTON, Organist, and the CONTRA COSTA YOUTH SYMPHONY, NICO SNEL, Director.

ried to the former Marilyn Sabien. They are the parents of six children.

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Fremont 2d Ward

By Annie Wootton

"Around The World in a Lihoma Plane," was the theme for Fremont 2d Ward's Father-Daughter dinner. The Lihoma girls 9-11 years old entertained their fathers with skits of what they learn and enjoy in their Primary classes. They thanked their fathers for coming and then ended by singing songs to them.

The tables were decorated with airplanes resting on clouds of cotton and angels hair. Each place was set with a flag from a foreign country and flight wings fastened to each girl's napkin. Travel posters were the decorations on the walls. Chicken was served. After dinner games and dancing were enjoyed. Primary President Bonnie Knudson with her counselors Patti Slater and Bonnie Hill worked with the teachers of the girls to make this a happy event. Teachers are Renee Lammi, Estella Tusi, Bonnie Boyer and Gloria Gibbs.

The music festival of 1969 was held by Fremont 2d. Ward with Ralph Holding as master of ceremonies. There were about fifty ward members who entertained the audience and made this one of the best ever held. The committee in charge was Jean Shirk, Renee Holding, and Edna Fernandez. Accompanists in the music were Gwen Crandall, Norene Green, and Edna Fernandez. Many thanks were given for all the wonderful talent in our ward.

Oakland-Berkeley Relief Society's 'Evening Out'

"Your Evening Out" is April 11, the Oakland-Berkeley Stake Relief Society has announced "... And Women Will Go On!!!" will be presented that evening. Later the men go on, featuring The Berkeley Californians, barbershop harmony minstrels, a championship men's chorus, singing the "songs you love to hear."

A fashion show, door prizes and refreshments round out the evening. All Church members are invited to bring their friends. The program will be held at the East Bay Interstake Center, 4780 Lincoln Ave., Oakland, 8 p.m., Friday, April 11. Suggested donation is \$2.50.

Congratulations are in order for Earl Glivens, Philip Lammi and Larry Anderson of the Fremont 2d Ward who have been called to the Seventy Quorum. Two in the ward became Elders. They were Thomas Hill and Robert McElvain.

Boy Scout Week came to an end with Troop No. 397 sponsoring a ward dinner with proceeds to help the scouters with their summer activities. A cake sale was held after the dinner and the entertainment was under the direction of Antonio Fernandez. It consisted of piano solos, drums, singing, a flute trio, comedy acts and Antonio playing the guitar and singing. Norman Hancock is Scoutmaster and Thomas Hill is his assistant.



DAVID L. BAUER, son of Bishop and Mrs. C. LeRoy Bauer, took for his bride, CONSTANCE KIRKMAN, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Kirkman of Twin Falls, Ida. The December ceremony was performed in the Oakland Temple by President Delbert F. Wright. Mr. and Mrs. Kirkham joined in receiving guests at the open house at the home of the bridegroom's parents, 276 Garcia Avenue, San Leandro.

Dave and Connie are both graduates of Brigham Young University. The bride was a graduate assistant in the music departments, a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta and the A Capella Choir. The bridegroom majored in sociology. He served in the Spanish American Mission with headquarters in San Antonio, Tex. Jerry, David's older brother, flew in from Champaign, Ill. where he teaches Spanish literature at the University of Illinois. Relatives came from southern California.

Richmond Ward

By Mima Williams

At a recent Sacramento service, awards for the 1968 volleyball teams were presented to the following girls: **BEEHIVE team**—Joan Adams, Leila Arruda, Vickie Born, Terry Chinn, JoAnne Esperson, Elois Hicks, Ruth Valentich, and Laurina Wightman; **SENIOR team**—Colleen Born, Lorese Brown, Judy Chester, Carol Crow, Linda Garcia, and Marilyn McBride.

The trophy for the stake Sportsmanship award for basketball was presented to Captain Marilyn McBride in behalf of the team. Those receiving awards were Colleen Born, Lorese Brown, Lawona Charles, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Linda Humphrey, Marilyn McBride, Ampiro Moreno, and Dora Valencia.

A Leadership award was presented to Mary Cox.

Aaronic Priesthood awards were given to Jay Melvon Hatch, Dennis Lucas, Richard Ridge and Felix Valentich.

Members moving back into the ward and memberships received are Jay and Rocela Barker from Provo, Utah and Dennis H. Born from Salt Lake City.

Welcome to the following new members: Marcia Ann Stokes, Gary Ray Bledsoe and the George Badouin family.

Babies blessed were: Christopher Todd Day, son of the J. Philip Days; Stephanie Denise Titlow, daughter of Wayne Henry and Bertha Titlow; and Michelle Noreen Tucker, daughter of Ronald Lee and Patricia Tucker.

Confirmation: Alfred Albert

Castro Valley

Richard Morphies, Keneth Fu gate, Jerry Vance, and Kathy Hill have come into Castro Valley Ward by baptism during the last month.

Recently called to stake missions were Brother Gregory, and Sisters Thelma Frogge, Peggy Westfall, Ruby Coleman, and Sandy McNeil.

Ronald Hunt has been chosen new advisor for the teachers quorum, and William Bacon chosen as the new deacon quorum advisor.

The deacon quorum presidency has new officers; Steven Shaw president, Richard Lierence 1st counselor, and Keven Camp, secretary. Terry Pendley was ordained a priest.

Ronald Kelley and Karen Billups were married Feb. 21 by Bishop William Calahan inside the chapel. A reception was held afterward in the cultural hall. Friends of the family and the ward were invited.

Our 1st dinner of the year, a budget dinner, was held in the cultural hall on Feb. 28. Scores of people turned out, and the night was a complete success.

Our junior basketball team was led by a balanced attack even without center Ken Laubscher. Even though taking 3d place in the regional playoffs this year, they plan on going farther next year. But San Jose didn't come home empty-handed; they were awarded regional sportsmanship trophy.

Mathison, brother of Patricia Moore.

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Fremont Ward

By Dorothy A. Spoon

Fremont Ward girls' basketball team won the Regional Championship 60-10. This makes it the third year in a row. Girls on the team were: Coach Jolene Moore, Ann Christiansen, Linda McMillan, Rose Marie Winkel, Laura Stevens, Laurie Lincoln, Judy Green, Patti Slattengren, Denise Slattengren, Marva Hughes, Eunice Hughes, Kathy Richardson, Cathy, Natali, Connie Young and Sandy Huntziker.

Thirteen of the girls will play the "ALL STARS" at the East Bay Interstake Center in Oakland March 15. Two of the girls

will be on the "ALL STARS", which comprises two girls from each team in the Regionals.

Coach Emerson Green presented Bishop Gappmayer, Fremont Ward, the regional trophy as well as the zone trophy on behalf of the Senior M-Men Basketball Team Championship won in a zone tournament by a score of 80 to 64. This made them eligible for the Church tournament in Salt Lake City March 10 through 15. Players were: Dan Evans, Coach Emerson Green, Mac Winkel, Rex Patterson, Larry Cooper, Ron Price, Mel Lewis, Gail McOmber, Rich Winkel, Dave Wilkins, and Chuck Glad-ding.

San Francisco

By Gloria Stracke

For health reasons Ruby McDonald has asked for release as Relief Society president, and her counselor Sylvia Blazzard has been called as her replacement with Nancy Jones as counselor.

Released as Sunday School superintendent, was James Ogilvie who has been replaced by Eugene Pocock with Dennis Hall and Ken Turner now making up the superintendency.

Robert Hunt has been called as assistant executive secretary. New Primary workers are: Portia Hawley, Carol Whitbeck and Leslie Neumarker.

Gayle Baca's son Tony was recently blessed. Kenneth Brown was baptized and confirmed and his brother Kelvin Brown graduated from Primary and ordained a deacon.

Those in our ward who won the Regional and Intra-zone Basketball championships were:

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By Della Greathouse

A new year begins and our chapel is really going up. Yellow brick walls now stand to form rooms. We hope this will encourage members to remember the building fund, so we can enjoy the fruits of our giving.

The Primary presidency has been reorganized with the release of Ann Stokes as president. Melba Rudd was sustained as new president, with Della Greathouse as 1st counselor, and Gerry Bastian as 2d counselor. Others called to positions in the primary teaching staff are Jeanne Davis, LaRee Woolstenhulme and Shirley Rudd. Those helping in the nursery are Diana Rudd and Diana McMillan.

Proud parents are: Phillip and Carma Carlson a daughter born Jan. 4 and blessed Feb. 2, named Julie Ann Viola Carlson by her father. Maureen and J. R. Nelson a son born Nov. 23, blessed Eric George by his father on Dec. 29. Sharon and Joel Ellermeier a girl born Michele Joy, May 22, 1968 and blessed June 9 by her father. Also blessed was Christina Lynn Harshman Feb. 2 by her uncle Bro. Lothyan, she was born Nov. 27. Adopted daughters of Cori and Gary Player, Dolly Gwen and Sherrie Lynn on Feb. 2.

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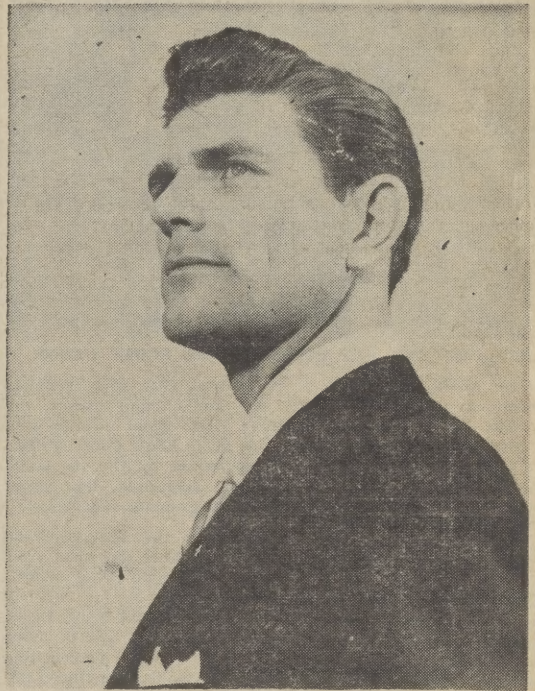
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ON THE SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

By Howard M. King

Every citizen of the United States is obligated to be "actively engaged in a good cause," for, as Edmund Burke wrote, "All that is required for the triumph of evil in the world is that good men do nothing."

In this spirit many members of the Church in good standing have participated in social movements. These have included non-Mormon tutorial projects, child head start programs, and work in ghettos. Some ward auxiliaries and Quorums have operated such programs. Such activities have often cleared away much that was superficial in the religious lives of the people involved, and brought new meaning to the advice of Jesus Christ: "Love thy neighbor."

Whether a man is involved in the moral issues of his day is his own decision. Some devote themselves fully to being an influence for good where chance and duty have placed them.

Sometimes, however, those who are not engaged in their own community problems blame their inaction on the inaction of their Church. But Latter-Day-Saints should not expect the Church to take the lead in social issues.

It is the role of religion to perfect society by causing a personal revolution in the moral life of each individual, for it is the moral quality of each individual life which will pass in review before the Lord. Christ's message was directed at individuals; at you and at me; "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect."

In contrast, it is the role of politics to improve the individual by social and economic means. Whereas the Church seeks to reform society from the bottom up, politics works from the top down. To expect the Church to confuse its role with that of politics is to misinterpret the religion of Jesus Christ.

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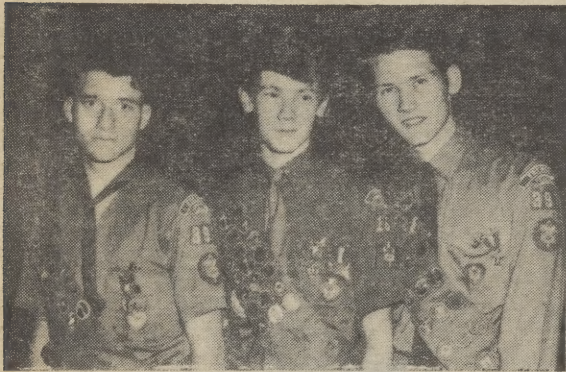
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New Eagle Scouts



GLEN GODFREY, JAY PIMENTEL, and SCOTT LYNCH

By Annie Wootton

Recently two Boy Scouts from Troop No. 397 of Fremont 2d Ward received their Eagle Scout award. They were Scott Lynch and Glen Godfrey.

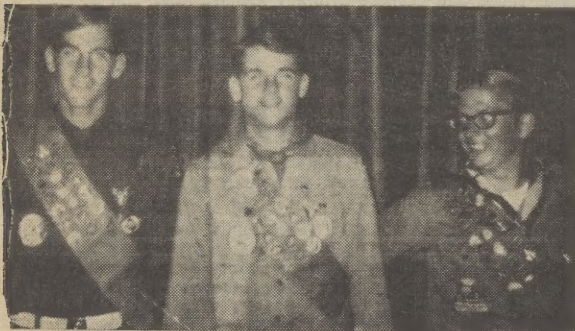
Scott is the son of Donald and Thelma Filkins of Fremont. He has an older brother Dennis. Scott has earned his Duty to God award, and is a senior in Washington High School. After graduating this year he will enter college to study medicine.

Glen Godfrey is the son of Sylvan and Edna Godfrey of Fremont. He has an older brother

Michael. Glen is a freshman

An Eagle Palm award and three Eagle Scout awards were made at an Eagle Court of Honor sponsored by the six L.D.S. Church - sponsored Boy Scout troops in Fremont and Newark.

Receiving the Eagle Palm award was Earl McOmber, from Troop 160. Eagle Scout awards will be received by Jay Pimentel of Troop 160, and Scott Lynch and Glen Godfrey, both of Troop 397. Other troops participating in the ceremonies are troops 106, 130, 131, and 197.



Members of Employer Post 288 held their Court of Honor for DOUGLAS and DAVID WHIPPLE, son of V. J. and Janice Whipple, Pacheco; and DANNY MORGAN, son of Albert and Au-

drey Morgan, Pacheco, Martinez Ward, Concord Stake. Pictured from left to right: Douglas Whipple, David Whipple, and Danny Morgan.

Prepare For The Coming Of Christ

We are moving toward the Saturday evening of time, Elder Harold B. Lee of the Council of Twelve told a record 2,745 members and friends at the February 2 conference session for the Oakland-Berkeley Stake.

When the night is darkest, when the sky is blackest, that is when the Temple is most beautiful, when it shines out the strongest, he said.

San Leandro 2d

By Ruby Ostler

There are still a few people in San Leandro 2d ward on the sick list. Denise Richmond, Le-mone Bohanan and Mel McCallister have been in the hospital recently.

Word has been received from Provo that Dave and Jane Treanor have welcomed a new son to their family, their second, and everyone is doing well. Grandmother Doris Hansen went back to see her new grandchild and visit with her family. The baby was named Jared Lee.

The M.I.A. Quartet Festival was presented to a full house. Everyone enjoyed the evening of music. There were choruses, male quartets, double mixed quartets, and ladies quartets in which the ward was well represented. Denise Minion, Kathy Eccles Diane Cheny, Robbin Hollingshaue, Salley Eccles, Lorraine Grow, Roxann Hollingshaue and Gary Eccles participated.

The combined wards basketball team were top men in the stake and went on to win two games in the regional tournament.

Garry and Ginny Beckes are leaving the ward and going back to Idaho.

Similarly, we are living in times of darkness, but we are preparing for that time when Christ will come in glory, a wonderful day, when he will clasp us to his bosom.

In these times, he said, we must be mindful of the importance of our young people, help them plant their feet, not in the sands of our times, but in the rich firm foundation of testimony.

Elder Lee outlined blessings available to mankind, including "the destroying angel will pass you by," and illustrated how the kind of times we want and the kind of peace we desire and the good environment we seek, are available through living the principles which are open to us through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Elder Lee concluded by bear-

ing witness "I declare that I know that He lived; I know it because of the revelation of the spirit to my soul."

The conference was notable for two communication additions. (1) a closed circuit TV carried a view of the conference speakers to Spanish-speaking members who were able to hear on-the-spot translations; and (2) translations were given in sign language for the deaf.

The practice of offering a TV broadcast to the cultural hall was continued.

Other Sunday morning conference speakers were: President Elmo R. Smith and Counselors Lorenzo N. Hoopes and Richard W. Owens of the Oakland-Berkeley Stake; and Keith Garner, regional representative for the general authorities. Music was by the Primary association.



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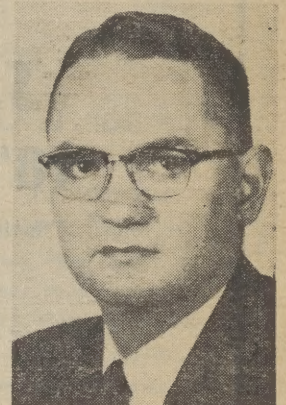
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News and Views, Vi's and Lue's

**By Lue Seavers &
Violet Pinckney**

CALLED TO THE AUSTRALIAN MISSION . . . Betty and Lee Robison had the pleasure of visiting for an hour with their Son, Scott Robison between flights from Salt Lake to Adelaide, Australia where Scott will serve as a Missionary. Previously he had been attending B.Y.U.

Receiving INDIVIDUAL AWARDS the past year are; 1st year awards, April De Celle, Jeanne Strube, Larae Tolman, Ann Huston, Janice Landreth, Patricia Landreth. Also LEADER, Eliza Matz. 2nd. year Awards, Leslie Tolman, Carol Strube, 4th year Awards, Rosanne DeWitt and Julia Zundel, and LEADER, Elaine Lane. 6th year Award, Debra Pherson. 7th year, Marie Zundel.

The joint Gold and Green Ball for Alameda and Alameda Second will be held in the Ward Cultural Hall, Fri. eve. 14-March.

Alice Glood announced the marriage of her brother, Lynn Garner to Susan Bradshaw of Melba, Idaho. We welcome the new Bride into the Ward; Lynn has been here for some time.

Florence and Brian Pope are elated over the birth of a 10 lb. 14 oz. boy, Mark Wayne. He was welcomed home by his brother Derek Dean. Brian is Scoutmaster, the day following the birth of their baby he took his Scout Troop on a week-end snow trip to Camp Stephens at Pine Crest, the Parents being invited, making thirty-five in all.

Heide Noelle Infant daughter of Ann and Bill Call was BLESSED by her Grandfather, Raymond Glassel. Baby Kimberly Harris was BLESSED by her Father, Jerry A. Harris.

We welcome the Bates and the Beacer families and Margaret Hill into the Ward.

MARK Ed Singer was BAPTIZED, CONFIRMED and ORDAINED a DEACON. Lawrence Hawks was ORDAINED a TEACHER. Dennis and La Von Barry are the new Dance Directors in M.I.A.

Mary McLuskie and her granddaughter Sylvia Warren are both walking with the aid of crutches, each having broken their foot in separate home accidents. Marilyn Price continues to be on the sick list.

Venice Mortensen reports hav-

Oakland 3d Ward

By Joe Roach

Oakland 3d Ward's February Fast meeting began with blessing of five children.

The Ward was well represented at the Cultural Arts Dance which was preceded by a Valentine Dinner for the Young Marrieds.

The MIA had a ski trip to Dodge Ridge. There were 40 to enjoy the fun.

Our junior basketball team won the stake championship, but we lost the regional play-off.

A new birth in the ward, Dallas Scott Ford, born Dec. 21, 1968. Frank and Dona chuckled as they prepared their income tax returns. Brother Ford "ain't a bad cook at all" as the elders will agree after their last business meeting.

ing two days of extra happiness by having a visit with her only grandson who she raised, Paul Rogerson who had just reported to Uncle Sam in the Navy.

WEDDING BELLS RANG OUT, LOUD AND CLEAR for Jan Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of the Isle City, on Sat. 1 Feb. when he married Diane Mathews, dau. of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Mathews of Orem, Utah. Jan is a sophomore at B.Y.U. and will continue his studies there, residing in Orem. The Wedding took place in LDS Chapel in Orem.

One of our (Alameda Ward) Senior, senior Citizens, Anna Owens Lilley, Charter Member of Barrett Auxiliary No. 64, United Spanish War Veterans was given special recognition at the recent installation of Officers. She assisted in organizing the group in Sept. 1925.

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BAPTIZED and CONFIRMED by James Curry was Susan Thatcher, dau. of Spencer and Carol Thatcher. RELEASED as Sports Director in M.I.A. was Betty Frazier. Roger and Sherry Anne Martineau have moved into the Alameda Ward.

Leo Hallford, son of Earl and Cora Hallford returned from Vietnam with a 30-day leave before going to New Jersey for further duty.

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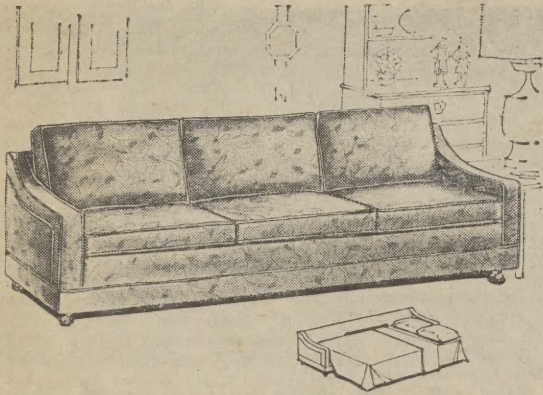
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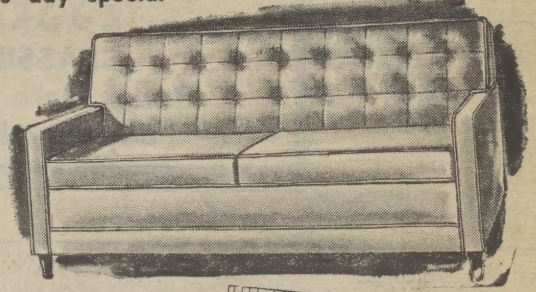


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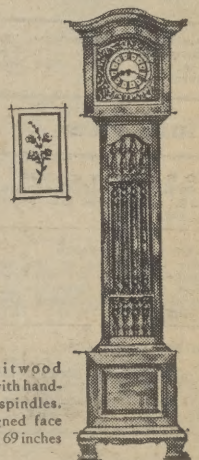
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